
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE CLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CASE

This will serve as notice that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) is soliciting comments from the public regarding the pending closure of an environmental case at a private residence, McCloud, California (Site).

SUBJECT SITE:

US Bank Trust NA, 216 Squaw Valley Road, McCloud, Siskiyou County

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENT PERIOD:

10 December 2020 through 9 January 2021

SUMMARY:

The Central Valley Water Board currently regulates an environmental case at the subject property regarding a release of heating oil from a residential property at the Site. In May 2018, an unauthorized release was discovered when an unknown amount of kerosene was observed to have leaked from a 150-gallon residential aboveground storage tank (AST). The AST and impacted soil were subsequently removed from the subject property in July 2018 under Siskiyou County Environmental Health Division (SCEHD) oversight. Petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in confirmation samples collected from the excavation. Groundwater was not encountered in the excavation.

The Central Valley Water Board became the lead agency in August 2018 and opened a Site Cleanup Program case. After reviewing the case file, staff requested a site investigation to delineate the vertical and lateral extent of petroleum-related contaminants in soil, soil vapor, and shallow groundwater. In June 2019, 11 soil samples and six grab groundwater samples were collected from six soil borings. Additionally, three soil vapor probes were installed and sampled to evaluate concentrations of petroleum-related contaminants in soil vapor.

Site investigation results indicate that remaining soil pollution, located at a depth of 8 feet below ground surface (bgs), is limited in lateral and vertical extent to the vicinity of the former AST. Concentrations of petroleum-related contaminants in shallow groundwater do not exceed drinking water standards.

In September 2020, a second excavation was conducted to remove soil around an area with elevated petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations in soil gas. Approximately 50 cubic

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yards of petroleum-impacted soil was removed and disposed offsite. Confirmation samples collected after the second excavation show that very little contamination remains at the Site.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the case for closure. The closest surface water body to the Site is Squaw Valley Creek which is located approximately 1,000 feet southeast. The Site is on a public water supply and the nearest drinking water well is located over a half mile away. Soil impacts are limited in extent and do not exceed Low-Threat Closure Policy criteria. Shallow groundwater impacts are limited and do not exceed drinking water standards.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

General information regarding the Site can be obtained from the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker web site](#).

(https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000012163)

All interested agencies, groups and persons wishing to comment on the pending case closure must provide these comments in writing. The comments should be submitted by **9 January 2021** to the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002. For information, please call Melissa Buciak at (530) 224-4854 or contact her by e-mail at Melissa.Buciak@waterboards.ca.gov